

FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES

ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBERS 2011-2012

AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, May 11, 2012

North Bay, Ontario

FONOM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

A G E N D A

Friday, May 11, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

Founders' Room
Clarion Resort Pinewood Park
201 Pinewood Park Drive, North Bay, ON

1. Approval of / Additions to Agenda
2. Introduction of Executive
3. President's Report
4. Financial Report (resolution required)
5. Approval of Minutes of Meeting Friday, May 13, 2011
(resolution required)
6. Presentation of FONOM Issues Paper – Chris Stewart
7. Resolutions (to be distributed at AGM)
8. Adjourn

Appendix: Resolutions Passed by FONOM Board 2011-12

**FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
FINANCIAL REPORT to March 31, 2012**

	2011/2012 Budget	2011/2012 Year-End	2010/2011 Year-end	2009/2010 Year-end
BALANCE forward March 31	\$40,805.18	\$40,805.18	\$45,682.00	\$75,225.89
REVENUES				
Membership	\$30,000.00	\$31,165.00	\$31,739.09	\$25,420.00
MNDMF	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$45,000.00
Conference Revenue (Note 1)	\$135,000.00	\$200,514.32	\$88,719.28	\$74,157.00
Transportation Fund	\$0.00	\$15,111.47	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$305.87	\$210.00	
Total Revenues	\$215,000.00	\$297,096.66	\$175,668.37	\$144,577.00
EXPENDITURES				
Executive Meetings	\$35,000.00	\$29,801.90	\$16,894.83	\$33,232.60
AMO Travel (Note 2)	\$10,000.00	\$8,241.84	\$2,723.37	\$7,077.89
Misc. Meetings	\$14,000.00	\$7,926.90	\$7,540.45	\$12,981.02
Transportation Expense	\$0.00	\$1,825.38	\$0.00	\$0.00
Summit Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$1,896.37	\$4,867.91	\$3,426.21
Professional Fees	\$500.00	\$3,147.69	\$7,703.92	\$1,175.34
Printing/Copying	\$1,500.00	\$782.72	\$1,222.06	\$432.92
Postage	\$800.00	\$678.04	\$856.64	\$899.96
Service Charges	\$130.00	\$83.85	\$106.38	\$85.25
Phone/Webhost/Email	\$4,000.00	\$3,021.59	\$2,769.86	\$5,232.17
Rent	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$625.00	\$1,200.00
Staff Honorarium/Bonus	\$52,000.00	\$61,150.68	\$57,500.00	\$22,512.00
Directors' Honorarium	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,749.99
RFP Ads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,123.33
Promotion	\$2,000.00	\$2,771.95	\$150.00	\$684.22
AMO Hospitality Suite	\$5,000.00	\$5,847.54	\$4,791.81	\$7,181.82
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Conference Expenses	\$90,000.00	\$86,678.40	\$69,792.96	\$74,951.17
Total Expenditures	\$223,130.00	\$218,054.85	\$180,545.19	\$174,120.89
BALANCE at end of period	\$32,675.18	\$119,846.99	\$40,805.18	\$45,682.00

(Note 1) This total includes conference revenue of \$73,685 received for May 2012 North Bay conference.

(Note 2) This is the net expense of attending meetings after receiving eligible reimbursements from AMO.

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FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
M I N U T E S (DRAFT Only)
51st Annual Conference and Business Meeting
May 11, 12 & 13, 2011
Timmins, Ontario

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011

- 1:00 pm Official Opening
Tom Laughren, Mayor, City of Timmins
Al Spacek, President, FONOM
Lynn Buckham, Northeast Regional Director, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- 1:30 pm **David Beurle**
“Shaping A Brighter Future Together Through Innovative Leadership”
- 2:30 pm **Northern Growth Plan: Overview, Municipal Implications**
Cal McDonald, Ass’t Deputy Minister, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry; Victor Severino, Ass’t Deputy Minister (Acting) Ministry of Infrastructure
- 3:15 pm Refreshment Break – Sponsored by Royal Bank of Canada
- 3:45 pm **Municipal / Aboriginal Partnerships – Successful Models**
Clara Lauziere, Gen Mgr, Northeast Superior Forest Community
- 4:45 pm Trade Show Adjourns
- 7:30 pm Welcome Reception – Sponsored by De Beers Canada

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

- 7:30 am Registration continues and Breakfast
- 8:30 am **Promoting and Supporting Immigration in Our Communities**
Katharina Wolff, Policy Analyst, Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Unit, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration
Coral Ethier, Regional Advisor, Regional Services Branch, Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, Timmins
Cathy Ellis, Director of Community Economic Development, City of Timmins
- 9:45 am **Ontario’s New Tourism Strategy – What it means for the Northeast**
Ministry of Tourism and Culture
- 10:15 am Refreshment Break
- 10:45 am **Affordable Housing – Working Together, Moving Forward**

Janet Hope, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Division, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- 11:15 am **Planning, Integrating and Funding Healthcare Services in the Northeast**
Louise Paquette, Chief Executive Officer, North East Local Health Integration Network
- 12:00 pm Lunch – Sponsored by WoodWorks!
- 1:15 pm **Hon. Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
Address and Presentation of Long Standing Service Awards
- 1:00 pm-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions
- Introduction to Municipal Finance and Budgeting**
Kathy Horgan, Senior Financial Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Northeast Region
Les Jones, Treasurer, Township of Chapleau
- Municipal Investment Readiness Planning: Setting the Groundwork for Economic Development and Community Sustainability**
Bryan Searle, Municipal Advisor, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Northeast Region
Richard Le Clerc, Northern Development Officer, Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry
- "What is a Twitter?" How Municipalities Can Effectively Use Social Media**
Jeff MacIntyre, Social Marketing Consultant, MacIntyre Social Marketing
- 3:00 pm Refreshment Break – Sponsored by R.J. Tench Insurance Brokers, Tulloch Engineering, Ontario Clean Water Agency
- 3:30 pm-4:30 pm Concurrent Sessions
- Top Ten “Legal” Things a New Councillor Ought to Know ... and an Experienced Councillor Reminded of!**
Jody Johnson, Associate, Aird and Berlis LLP, Barrister and Solicitors
- A Guide to Conducting Service Delivery Reviews**
Oscar Poloni, Municipal Auditor, KPMG
- Land Use Planning and Development: An Interactive Session to Help Councils Make Informed Decisions**
Dan Tovey, Manager
Edouard Landry, Planner
Wendy Kauffman, Planner
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Northeast Region

4:30 pm Sessions adjourn

6:00 pm Pre-Banquet Reception – Sponsored by City of North Bay, 2012 Host

6:30 pm Banquet and Executive Award presentation
Award presented to **Michael J.J. Doody, Councillor, City of Timmins**

9:30 pm Entertainment

10:30 Adjournment

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2011

8:00 am Full Breakfast – Sponsored by The Miller Group

8:30 am **Alan Spacek, President, FONOM**
FONOM Resolutions and Business Meeting

Introduction of FONOM Board of Directors

President's Report

Resolution: That the agenda be accepted as presented.
Foisy/Chidley CARRIED.

Resolution: That the FONOM Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2011 be accepted as presented.
Laughren/Audette CARRIED.

Resolution: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Kapuskasing on May 7, 2010 be accepted as presented.
Watson/Perry CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS # 2011-01 to 2011-09

Resolution Year/No.	Resolution Name	Therefore Be It Resolved That ...	Outcome
2011-01	Ontario Building Code – Use of Wood in Mid-Rise Construction	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) reaffirm its commitment to Resolution 2008-06 and 2001-21 which encouraged municipal construction to use a wood option, a key component of a Wood Culture in Ontario; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities support, in principle and action, the proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code (OBC) that would allow for structural wood use in buildings up to 6 storeys; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities calls on the Ontario government (Municipal Affairs and Housing) to proceed with implementing</p>	Carried.

Resolution Year/No.	Resolution Name	Therefore Be It Resolved That ...	Outcome
		<p>the upcoming code changes allowing wood frame construction up to 6 storeys in OBC 2011; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Leaders of the Opposition Parties.</p>	
2011-02	Energy Costs	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) recommends that the Provincial Government reconsider and extend the three-year time period for the Industrial Electricity rate reduction; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM urges the Provincial Government to develop the necessary transmission infrastructure to facilitate electricity generation development, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province's Long Term Energy Plan be addressed in an Integrated Pan-Northern Power System Plan in order to attract new mines, forestry operations and manufacturing facilities, as well as improve the quality of life and standard of living in Northern Ontario, and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT these issues must be overcome by the Province, working with local levels of government; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario and the Leaders of the Provincial Opposition parties.</p>	Carried.
2011-03	Resource Sharing and Legislative Policy Development	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) concurs with the Ontario Mining Association's recommendation to allow local municipal and First Nation communities to have a greater share of the benefits of mining; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development, Mining and Forestry, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.</p>	Carried.
2011-04	Transportation	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the provincial government to upload capital and maintenance costs related to roads, highways and bridges back to the provincial level of government; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry, the Minister of Transportation, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.</p>	Carried.
2011-05	Multi-Modal Transportation	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Province to work with all levels of government to upgrade regional and Northern airports to safely accommodate larger aircrafts as a means of reducing freight</p>	Carried.

Resolution Year/No.	Resolution Name	Therefore Be It Resolved That ...	Outcome
		<p>and passenger costs; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM urges the provincial government to engage Northern Ontario stakeholders in a process that will strengthen our global position and competitiveness and that will lead to improvements in delivering pan-Northern Ontario, multi-modal, regional transportation; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry, the Minister of Transportation, and the Leaders of the Federal and Ontario Opposition Parties.</p>	
2011-06	Communications	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the provincial government to continue to invest in telecommunications infrastructure in Northern Ontario to ensure universal telecommunications coverage and service; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.</p>	Carried.
2011-07	Infrastructure	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Federal and Provincial governments to revise infrastructure funding programs so that they are flexible with broad criteria and allow northern municipalities to establish their own priorities with respect to community infrastructure; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT FONOM requests the Federal and Provincial governments to address the competitive and unpredictable nature of the current programs and replace them with a program that has flexible eligibility criteria and guarantees funding on an annual basis; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both the Federal and Provincial governments close their respective fiscal gaps so that Ontario municipalities can remain competitive and continue to be strong economic engines that drive the economy of this country; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any federal or provincial infrastructure projects or programs be fully funded by the level of government that mandates the project or program; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Industry and Trade for Canada, the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal for Ontario, and the Leaders of the Federal and Ontario Opposition Parties.</p>	Carried.
2011-08	Consultation with Northern Ontario	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Province of Ontario to conduct future policy development consultations with Northerners that apply the principles of responsiveness and accountability; and</p>	Carried.

Resolution Year/No.	Resolution Name	Therefore Be It Resolved That ...	Outcome
		BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier and all Members of the Ontario Cabinet and well as to the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.	
2011-09	OMPF Northern Communities Grant	<p>... the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) strongly supports an increase of the OMPF Northern Communities Grant by \$75.00 per household, to ensure that all Municipalities in the North will receive the necessary "Required Support"; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Province of Ontario recognizes the deficiencies in the formula of the OMPF and addresses them forthwith; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry and to the Leaders of the Opposition.</p>	Carried.

9:30 am **Encouraging Economic Growth: Where We've Been and Where We're Headed**

Aime Dimatteo, Director General, FedNor
Melanie Muncaster, Manager, Program Services, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation

10:15 am **Time-of-Use Electricity Pricing: Choose Your Time. Manage Your Costs**

Dave Watts, Smart Meter Communications Lead, Hydro One

10:45 am **Association of Municipalities of Ontario Update**

Peter Hume, AMO President

11:15 am Refreshment Break/Lunch – Sponsored by HydroOne Networks

12:15 pm Ministers' Forum

Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry

1:15 pm Adjournment of Annual Meeting
"Safe Journey Home"

Executive Director

President

FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
2011-2012 Approved Resolutions
Presented to 52nd Annual Conference and Business Meeting
May 9, 10, 11, 2012
North Bay, Ontario

The following policy resolutions have been passed by the FONOM Board of Directors during the 2011-2012 year and, accordingly, have been adopted as FONOM policy. They are included in this Annual Report for the information of all members.

Mineral Resource Revenue Sharing	2012-1
Suspension of the Sale of Ontario Northland Transportation Commission	2012-2
Portion of HST Charged on Gasoline and Diesel Sales	2012-3
Cost of Fuel	2012-4
Regulation of Gasoline Prices	2012-5
Rising Cost of Policing	2012-6
Funding Allocation for Homes for the Aged on Behalf of Unincorporated Areas	2012-7
Designation of Northern Cities as Growth Plan Pilot Sites	2012-8
Economic Development Pilot Zones	2012-9
Federal Electoral Ridings	2012-10
Composition of Northern Ontario Committee of the Legislature to Include Parry Sound	2012-11
Land Registry Office Delays	2012-12
Reimbursement of MPAC Fees	2012-13
Funding Requirements under the Ontario Clean Water Act	2012-14
Water Certification Training in Northern Ontario	2012-15
Out-Patient Blood Services	2012-16
East Algoma Rural Health Care Model Committee	2012-17
Air Ambulance Services in Northern Ontario	2012-18
Community Care Access Centres Funding	2012-19
Rail Line Infrastructure	2012-20
Sultan Road	2012-21
Payments in Lieu for Ontario Power Generation Sites	2012-22
Waiving of Global Adjustment Fees on HydroOne Bills	2012-23
Opposition to Ontario One Call	2012-24
Use of Wood in Provincially Funded Building Projects	2012-25

Support for Bill 52 An Act to Amend the Building Code Act, 1992 (Ontario Forestry Industry Revitalization Act)	2012-26
Changed Tenure Reform Direction	2012-27
Bill 61 Ontario's Wood First Act, 2012	2012-28
Request for National, Rural and Northern Broadband Internet	2012-29
Kapuskasing Experimental Research Farm	2012-30
Closure of Service Canada Office in Sturgeon Falls	2012-31
Closure of Northwestern Travel Centres	2012-32
Ban on Feeding of Black Bears	2012-33
Amend ATV Law	2012-34
Parry Sound District Highway Signage	2012-35
Northern Ontario Billboard Signage	2012-36

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Greater Sudbury
SUBJECT: **Mineral Resource Revenue Sharing**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS Ontario’s mining industry is a significant, increasing source of taxation revenue for the Federal and Provincial governments; and

WHEREAS the mining industry and its activities impact on the cost of municipal services, with particular negative impact on roads infrastructure; and

WHEREAS a predictable and sustainable revenue stream from the wealth generated by mining companies within their boundaries is required by municipalities to deal with infrastructure deficits; and

WHEREAS the Ontario government recognizes that the extraction and transportation of aggregates has an impact on local communities and in turn provides area municipalities with a portion of the royalties collected from the industry; and

WHEREAS the *Aggregate Resources Act* specifically excludes mineral resources; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario invite the Ontario government to negotiate a mineral resource revenue-sharing agreement with municipalities impacted by the mining industry, similar to the royalties paid on aggregate resources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier on Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of North Bay, City of Timmins, Township of Black River-Matheson,
Town of Kirkland Lake

SUBJECT: **Suspension of the Sale of Ontario Northland Transportation
Commission**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS on Friday, March 23, 2012, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines shocked residents of Northern Ontario, employees of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (the “ONTC”) and business and community leaders by announcing the Government of Ontario’s plans to divest the assets of the ONTC; and

WHEREAS a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario 2011 which was co-authored by the Provincial Ministry of Infrastructure and the Provincial Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry acknowledged the critical need to “maintain and enhance the North’s transportation infrastructure and to improve connectivity among the various modes of travel”; and

WHEREAS the Growth Plan specifically recognizes that the transportation system within Northern Ontario will be planned and managed with an emphasis on opportunities to link major markets, resource development areas; and economic and service hubs, meet the needs of the existing and emerging priority economic sectors, and enhance connectivity among transportation modes including rail, road, marine and air; and

WHEREAS Ontarians living in the North have a right to the same services as their southern counterparts, including safe, dependable and accessible transportation; and

WHEREAS the ONTC has provided access to and from remote communities, First Nations lands and municipalities in order that their residents may attend medical appointments and post secondary education; and

WHEREAS the ONTC has been the principal economic development vehicle in Northeastern Ontario for over one hundred years, thereby opening the region’s natural wealth to development and billions in revenue to the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the divestment of this Northern jewel would have an immediate catastrophic impact on many small Northern communities akin to the disaster faced by small southwestern communities with the collapse of the auto industry, as well as cause irreparable damage to future development opportunities; and

WHEREAS the ONTC has been under the control of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, being a Ministry with expertise in natural resources not transportation and telecommunication; and

WHEREAS the ONTC would assuredly thrive under a Ministry that understood transportation and telecommunication being the Ministry of Transportation; and

WHEREAS in a letter dated March 23, 2012, to Regional Mayors, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines stated that *“I appreciate that this announcement will impact many people in Northeastern Ontario. I want to assure all communities, ONTC employees and those Northerners who use ONTC services, that our government will be fair, open and transparent as we proceed with this transition;”* and

WHEREAS the Minister of Northern Development and Mines publicly stated that government was looking at privatizing the ONTC a few months before the release of the Drummond Report in February 2012; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities fails to understand how zero consultation with any affected First Nation, municipality, business customers, or employee groups constitutes a fair, open or transparent process; and

WHEREAS both the Minister of Northern Development and Mines and the Premier have strongly supported the ONTC as an essential piece of strategic infrastructure in Northeastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Premier had previously signed a pledge stating that *“I will guarantee the people of Nipissing that my government will not approve or allow the privatization of the ONTC,”* now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calls on the Premier to honour his pledge and immediately suspend this ill-conceived action in order to permit affected stakeholders in the form of a Community Task Force time to devise a more thoughtful business case that will keep the ONTC whole while respecting the stated goals of the Northern Growth Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province of Ontario starts to immediately transition responsibility for the ONTC from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to the Ministry of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier; the Minister of Northern Development and Mines; the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation; and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Greater Sudbury, City of North Bay, Markstay-Warren, Ryerson Township, Parry Sound District Municipal Association

SUBJECT: **Portion of HST Charged on Gasoline and Diesel Sales**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS based on 2010 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario’s project new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually; and

WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario’s municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billions; and

WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario’s municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario’s municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel **WHEREAS** there is a requirement/need throughout Northeastern Ontario to provide long term care for our residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Timmins
SUBJECT: **Cost of Fuel**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS residents, businesses, and municipal governments of Northern Ontario are frustrated with unpredictable and capricious gas prices in Northeastern Ontario that vary greatly between neighbouring centres, not to mention prices that are consistently higher than in Eastern and Southwestern Ontario centres; and

WHEREAS these inequities and unpredictability negatively affect our economy; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Federal Minister for Northern Ontario to investigate the causes for these unfair prices and to address the inequitable situation of gas pricing between geographic regions of the province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister for Northern Ontario, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Ontario Good Roads Association, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Greater Sudbury, City of Elliot Lake, Village of Burk's Falls, Township of Chamberlain, City of Timmins, City of Temiskaming Shores, Town of Espanola, Township of Carling, Town of Hornepayne, Township of Perry, Township of Black River-Matheson, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Coleman, Township of Nairn & Hyman, Municipality of Huron Shores

SUBJECT: **Regulation of Gasoline Prices**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS the pump price of a litre of gasoline in Northern Ontario can be as high as thirty per cent or more than the price is in Southern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the rack price or wholesale price, the price the retail gas station owner must pay for the gas is only 2 to 4 cents per litre higher in Northern Ontario than in Toronto; and

WHEREAS local price gouging, charging high prices a time of actual or anticipated excess demand, is not contrary to the Canadian Competition Act; and

WHEREAS while the Ontario government can't change international oil prices, it can eliminate gouging and provide consumers with predictability and fairness; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) already regulates prices for natural gas; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) be given the power by the Province of Ontario to impose a weekly ceiling on gas prices in order to reduce volatility and regional price differences, while encouraging competition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OEB also be granted the legislated power to intervene if suppliers were seen to be gouging the market; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario and all Opposition Party Leaders.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Municipality of Killarney
SUBJECT: **Rising Cost of Policing**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy February 9, 2012

“WHEREAS the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, Chapter 25 provides that single, upper and lower tier municipalities in Ontario are responsible for the protection of persons and property; and

WHEREAS the *Police Services Act* R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.15 further provides that every municipality shall provide adequate and effective police services in accordance with its needs; and

WHEREAS there are 444 municipalities within the Province of Ontario, 313 of which are serviced by the Ontario Provincial Police; and

WHEREAS the levels of service and costs associated with said services is controlled by and outlined by the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS the cost of police service continues to escalate at a rate four (4) times higher than that of inflation per year; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has not directly consulted nor communicated with the municipalities serviced by the Ontario Provincial Police on the rising costs which are transferred to the municipalities as part of the cost formulas for the OPP nor on the financial implications of its negotiations with the police service; and

WHEREAS policing represents a large, if not the largest portion of municipal budgets, particularly in rural and small municipalities; and

WHEREAS all municipalities strive to maintain the tax levy at a rate that their residents can reasonably afford as local governments are largely funded through property taxes; and

WHEREAS the median income and cost of living varies in each municipality resulting in an increased financial burden for rate payers with lower median incomes, particularly in rural and small municipalities; and

WHEREAS policing salaries make up 90% of policing costs and these salaries can be 2 and 3 times greater than the median income particularly in rural and small municipalities served by the OPP and do not reflect the lower cost of living in these rural and small communities but rather the salaries of the cost of living in the metropolitan areas which are to be used as comparators for the OPP as the "highest paid force"; and

WHEREAS the continued financial pressure of policing is having an adverse affect on municipalities in the delivery of other essential services in their respective communities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports this resolution on behalf of all Northeastern Ontario municipalities that are serviced by the Ontario Provincial Police (contract or non-contract); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, together with our affected member municipalities, we commit to form a joint effort with the assistance of AMO to clearly and directly communicate to the Provincial

Government on policing matters and to deal directly with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this joint effort request meetings with the Premier and the Minister to review how decisions made by the Province dramatically impact our local taxpayers and result in higher property taxes and/or reduced municipal service levels as a result of the increased cost of policing by the OPP and to find mutually beneficial ways and means to contain the costs of policing and/or reduce the impact, particularly in small and rural municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this joint municipal effort work with the Province to create a salary credit system as part of the OPP costing formula that prorates policing salaries to be more reflective of the median income and cost of living for the area served which would significantly reduce the financial burden on rural and small municipalities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Ontario Police Services Boards (OPSB), and Leaders of the Opposition Parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate government agencies and communities as outlined within.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Parry Sound District Municipal Association

SUBJECT: **Funding Allocation for Homes for the Aged on Behalf of Unincorporated Areas**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“WHEREAS current funding from the Province is insufficient and the annual provincial subsidy does not cover operational costs for homes for the aged in Northeastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the Province does fund a share of the budget expenditures to provide social services to unincorporated areas within Northeastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the lack of funding contributions from unincorporated areas through a provincial subsidy is deemed a discrepancy between organized and unincorporated areas; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ministry of Health provide an annual funding allocation to Northeastern Ontario municipalities for homes for the aged on behalf of unincorporated areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Sault Ste Marie and City of North Bay
SUBJECT: **Designation of Northern Cities as Growth Plan Pilot Sites**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario has been established under Ontario’s *Places to Grow Act* and serves as a strategic policy framework to guide provincial decision-making and investment planning for the next 25 years; and

WHEREAS the Plan notes that more than half of Northerners live in the cities of Greater Sudbury, North Bay, Sault Ste Marie, Timmins, and Thunder Bay and that these cities are economic hubs that benefit all of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS each of these five communities are regional economic anchors and serve as service centres for all of Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS only two northern cities, Thunder Bay and Sudbury, have been provincially designated as Growth Plan pilot site regional planning areas and have received provincial funding to develop regional economic plans; and

WHEREAS the remaining three northern cities of North Bay, Sault Ste Marie and Timmins, which serve as vital economic and service hubs, have not received this critical consideration and support; and

WHEREAS in order to be consistent with the Growth Plan’s spirit, intent and strategic policy framework and in recognition of the need to engage and provide a voice for the rural communities in each regional service area; and in recognition of the mutual support of Northern Ontario’s large urban municipalities and our mutual interest in the growth and development of Northern Ontario, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Province to immediately designate all five cities in Northern Ontario as anchors and Growth Plan pilot sites for their respective regional economic planning areas, thereby enabling the cities of Sault Ste Marie, North Bay and Timmins to serve the same Growth Plan role in their respective regions as Thunder Bay and the City of Greater Sudbury are doing in theirs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Province provide the resources and support necessary to enable the cities of Sault Ste Marie, North Bay, Timmins and surrounding municipalities to work together to develop regional economic plans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister for Northern Development and Mines and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties and the President of Laurentian University.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northeastern Superior Mayors Group
SUBJECT: **Economic Development Pilot Zones**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy February 9, 2012

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the content of the December 14, 2011 from the Northeastern Superior Mayors Group to Cal MacDonald, MNDM, regarding Economic Development Pilot Zones and urging the Northern Growth Plan consider taking advantage of the already established sub-regional relationships that have proven successful in Northeastern Ontario.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), Township of McKellar

SUBJECT: **Federal Electoral Ridings**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** Northern Ontario federal electoral ridings have been reduced by five (5) ridings over the years from 15 to 10, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) goes on record that there will be no further reduction of Federal electoral ridings In Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Members of Parliament for Northern Ontario.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Town of Parry Sound, Municipality of Whitestone, Township of Strong, Township of Chisholm, Township of the Archipelago, Municipality of Callander, Township of Machar, Municipality of Whitestone, Municipality of Callander

SUBJECT: **Composition of Northern Ontario Committee of the Legislature to Include Parry Sound**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities was pleased to see a Private Member’s Motion to create a Standing Committee on Northern Policy introduced in the Ontario Legislative Assembly on March 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS FONOM is interested in giving Northerners a voice in policy development through the creation of a Standing Committee on Northern Policy; and

WHEREAS the wording of the motion to create this standing committee may exclude the District of Parry Sound from this committee and its sphere of coverage; and

WHEREAS Parry Sound District is clearly part of Northern Ontario – demographically, historically, electorally, socio-economically and geo-politically – and needs to be included in discussions and decisions that relate to Northern Ontario; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) wholly supports the concept of a Standing Committee on Northern Policy that would hold legislative hearings in the North rather than at Queen’s Park and examine policy from a Northern perspective; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FONOM cannot support this committee if it does not include the Parry Sound District.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of North Bay, City of Temiskaming Shores, Township of Chamberlain,
Township of Coleman, Township of Ewantural

SUBJECT: **Land Registry Office Delays**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy February 9, 2012

“WHEREAS there are 54 Land Registry Offices in the Province of Ontario, only 11 of which are located in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Land Registry Offices play a key role in effectively and efficiently approving, registering, storing, and managing documents such as subdivision plans, condominium plans, reference plans, deeds, and mortgages; and

WHEREAS Land Registry Offices have historically and promptly serviced the needs of a wide range of user groups including developers, lawyers, surveyors, freelance titles searchers and the general public; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has implemented an electronic registration of land-related documents; and

WHEREAS effective October 3, 2011, it became mandatory that designated Land Registry Offices forward subdivision plans and condominium plans to a Complex Plan Processing Centre located in Milton, Ontario; and

WHEREAS while the electronic registration may have some benefits, the system has resulted in the downsizing of Land Registry Offices both in terms of size, personnel, service and availability of land-related documents resulting in significant negative impacts to customer service; and

WHEREAS it is expected that, in time, some Northern Land Registry Offices will be replaced with kiosk services; and

WHEREAS these changes coupled with the loss of a local Land Registrar, the loss of availability of land related documents on site for the purposes of searching and the loss of ability to have reference plans, subdivision plans or condominium plans pre-approved, processed and registered locally in a timely and cost effective manner will further erode service delivery; and

WHEREAS such changes have and will result in significant delays in development in the North as well as adding further costs; and

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has actively promoted the reduction in red tape and increased efficiency in public service delivery;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Minister of Government Services review and report on the changes being made to Ontario Land Registry Offices and that these changes do not impact negatively on development through time delays or added costs to development in the North; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Government Services, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Greater Sudbury
SUBJECT: **Reimbursement of MPAC Fees**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS at December 31, 1998, the Government of Ontario transferred responsibility for property assessment from the Ministry of Finance to the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation, an independent body established by the Ontario Property Assessment Corporation Act, 1997, renamed the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in 2001; and

WHEREAS prior to 1998, the Ministry of Finance provided assessment services at no charge to municipalities; and

WHEREAS every municipality in Ontario is obliged to be a member of MPAC and pay the fees associated with the services provided by MPAC; and

WHEREAS increases in MPAC services have risen by 4.5 per cent in the past year; and

WHEREAS payment of the fees to MPAC imposes increased pressure on all municipal budgets, particularly in light of this most recent large percentage increase; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Government of Ontario reimburse municipalities, in whole or in part, for the cost of fees these municipalities have paid to MPAC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Municipality of Powassan

SUBJECT: **Funding for Requirements under the Ontario Clean Water Act**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through Ontario Reg 287/07 made under the Ontario Clean Water Act, 2006, has mandated the Drinking Water Source Protection Act for Clean Water, along with amendments to the Ontario Building Code, which will have serious financial implications for small rural and Northern Ontario municipalities and their residents; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Province agree to adequately fund all financial implications of this new service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Eastern Wardens Caucus, ROMA, NOMA, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA)

SUBJECT: **Water Certification Training in Northern Ontario**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** the Ontario Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program goal is to increase the knowledge and capacity of those individuals entrusted with providing consumers with safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS the program establishes recognized professional standards for operators in the following areas:

Minimum Education Requirements,
Mandatory Training,
Verification of Knowledge through Standardized Examinations,
Experience Requirements,
Annual Continuing Education; and

WHEREAS every operator is required to complete the mandatory certificate renewal course within each renewal period and in certain cases may require annual continuing education; and

WHEREAS such certification training and continuing education programs by agencies such as the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, are held in Southern Ontario and rarely in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS travel and living expenses are extremely costly and present a significant financial burden for Northern Ontario municipalities that need to send staff to Southern Ontario for Drinking Water Operation Certification and Renewal training programs; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ministry of Environment introduce a program to subsidize travel and living expenses for municipal operators from Northern Ontario to attend Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Certification and renewal training courses at Southern Ontario locations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Minister of Environment, the Northeast LHIN, the Northwest LHIN, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l

SUBJECT: **Out-Patient Blood Services**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS out-patient blood services have been discontinued at Matthews Memorial Hospital as of October 1, 2011 and these services are threatened with stoppage at the Thessalon Hospital; and

WHEREAS the area was promised enhanced services by the North East Local Health Integration Centre (NE LHIN) and also by the Rural Health Committee of the Ontario Legislature; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the North East Local Health Integration Centre (NE LHIN) resume the same level of service to the Matthews Memorial Hospital and Thessalon Hospital with regard to out-patient blood services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the CEO of the North East Local Health Integration Network, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Add'l

SUBJECT: **East Algoma Rural Health Care Model Committee**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS a committee was initiated by the North East Local Health Integration Centre (NE LHIN) under Peter Vaudry for a new rural health care model for East Algoma to replace the current model where Matthews Memorial Hospital Association and Thessalon Hospitals are two floors of the Sault Area Hospital; and

WHEREAS the committee did not finish their work before Peter Vaudry retired; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the North East Local Health Integration Centre (NE LHIN) reconvene the Rural Health Care Committee in order to provide a governance plan that will fairly represent all the areas involved and bring enhanced health services to the area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the CEO of the North East Local Health Integration Network, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board

SUBJECT: **Air Ambulance Services in Northern Ontario**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the call for the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to create an Air Ambulance Advisory Committee that includes political and operational representation from Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA)

SUBJECT: **Community Care Access Centres Funding**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS the Ministry of Health Action Plan announced by the Minister states that the number of seniors in Ontario will increase by 43 per cent and demographic forecasts project the number of seniors in Northern Ontario will exceed the Ontario provincial average of 43 per cent over the next decade; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health Action Plan announced by the Minister of Health and Long-Term will focus on improving the quality of care that Ontario seniors receive at home by providing more home care support to seniors who want to live independently at home in their communities; and

WHEREAS to achieve Action Plan goals, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will bring planning for family health care under the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) and in turn the LHINs will provide funding to Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) for seniors who want to live independently at home; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care goal is to deliver an equal level of health care throughout the Province of Ontario to families and seniors living at home; and

WHEREAS such quality and extent of health care is not provided in equal measure to Northern Ontario families and seniors as in Southern Ontario municipalities; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Local Health Integration Networks provide increased funding to the Northern Ontario Community Care Access Centres so that Northern Ontario families and seniors will receive the services promised by the Ministry of Health Action Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Northeast LHIN, the Northwest LHIN, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Township of Tarbutt and Tarbutt Additional

SUBJECT: **Rail Line Infrastructure**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports all efforts to ensure the continued existence, maintenance and usage of rail lines throughout Ontario and the rest of Canada; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports investment in and development of Canada’s railway system as an integral part of the infrastructure of this geographically vast nation, particularly in serving northeastern Ontario’s needs for critical passenger and freight service in an environmentally responsible manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association / FONOM

SUBJECT: **Sultan Road**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the distance from Sudbury to Wawa on Highway 17 is 526 kilometres and the distance from Sudbury to Wawa via the Sultan route is 422 kilometres at present; and

WHEREAS the Sultan route includes 81 kilometres of gravel road and 341 kilometres of 80 kilometre/hour paved highway; and

WHEREAS Highway 17 from Sault Ste Marie to Wawa is very hilly in several sections and transport trucks have difficulty at times traversing these hills and lose much time and use more fuel to do so; and

WHEREAS the Sault Ste Marie to Wawa section of Highway 17 is in a snow belt and subject to lake-effect snow blizzards and as a result is often dangerous to travel in the winter months and is often closed as a result of these storms and ensuing accidents; and

WHEREAS the Sultan Road is mainly flat terrain and not subject to lake-effect storms; and

WHEREAS with the increase in the costs of gasoline and diesel fuel it is important that we look at ways to reduce fuel consumption for all travelers on our highways; and

WHEREAS a reduction in consumption also reduces the amount of pollution and lessens the carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS with fewer kilometers to travel and with an improved highway, travel time for the current six and a half hour drive could be reduced to a four to four and a half hour drive; and

WHEREAS improving the roads in this area of Ontario falls within the scope of the Grow North Plan for opening up Northern Ontario; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Ministry of Transportation do a feasibility study on the costs and benefits of improving the Sultan Road and Highways 144, 667, 129 and 101 to the same class as Highway 17; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, the Ontario Good Roads Association, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Temiskaming Municipal Association, Town of Latchford

SUBJECT: **Payments in Lieu for Ontario Power Generation Sites**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** generating stations owned and operated by Ontario Power Generation are assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation utilizing a formula that is not reflective of the real property value of the facility and this has proven to be a genuine detriment to northern municipalities from receiving a true value for these sites; and

WHEREAS Ontario Power Generation continues to provide the Ministry of Finance with 2.5 per cent of gross generated revenues from each site but only in the instance of the Niagara Parks Commission sited facilities is this reflected in their Payment in Lieu’s; and

WHEREAS this inequity results in all other municipalities, except Niagara Falls, in which Ontario Power Generation facilities are located receiving miniscule Payments in Lieu relative to the true value of these generating stations; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Minister of Finance to direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to develop an assessment formula more reflective of the real property value of these sites so that the Payments in Lieu from that Ministry to each municipality in which they are located will be more reflective of what each site is paying to the Ministry for energy generated in that municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines; and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Temiskaming Municipal Association, Town of Latchford

SUBJECT: **Waiving of Global Adjustment Fees on HydroOne Bills**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS it is of utmost importance for all municipal Councils to provide all, especially essential, services to their residents at the most reasonable cost while maintaining the required standards of services; and

WHEREAS much of the cost of operating water and sewage treatment facilities relates to the high energy costs incurred by billing from HydroOne; and

WHEREAS it has been determined that in the range of 40 per cent of those electrical bills is comprised of “Global Adjustment” charges on them; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has deemed it acceptable to waive the Global Adjustment Fee on charges for this service for major industries and manufacturers in Ontario so as to ensure their continued operation in the Province thereby indicating there is some flexibility in the application of this fee; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Minister of Energy to direct HydroOne to waive these same fees for all municipal water and sewage treatment facilities in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Energy, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines; and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

SUBJECT: **Opposition to Ontario One Call**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** Bill 8, *An Act Respecting Ontario One Call Ltd.*, would require all municipalities in Ontario to join Ontario One Call Ltd., a call center that receives queries regarding the location of underground infrastructure, identifies whether underground infrastructure is located in the vicinity of a proposed excavation site, notifies members of proposed excavations that may affect underground infrastructure, and raises public awareness of the need for safe digging; and

WHEREAS many municipalities across Northeastern Ontario currently provide infrastructure location services, either as a municipal service or by contract with private providers; and

WHEREAS this process is working well and deals with the needs of both the communities and the citizens who they represent; and

WHEREAS this legislation creates an unnecessary but mandatory monopoly that will duplicate services that are already successfully provided by municipalities and private providers across Ontario; and

WHEREAS a mandatory monopoly system with a single provider will likely result in higher fees due to a lack of competition; and

WHEREAS current locate-service providers have invested significant resources in the development of systems that meet specific local needs and these providers will be forced out of this service by the passage of this legislation with no consideration for economic impacts or job losses; and

WHEREAS this legislation requires every municipality in Ontario to become a member of Ontario One Call Ltd. within 12 months of the Act coming into force; and

WHEREAS the legislation requires a member to “immediately ... provide such information to the Corporation as is necessary for the Corporation to identify the location of all underground infrastructure owned by the member,” a requirement that may create significant additional costs to small municipalities; and

WHEREAS the legislation is ambiguous in that it does not indicate who will be responsible to provide oversight, whether a fee will be charged to members in the absence of any service being provided, what penalties or fines will be charged for an offence, and who would be liable in the event of a missed locate that results in damage; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) expresses its opposition to Bill 8 and requests that it not proceed any further in the legislative process until meaningful consultation has taken place with affected municipalities and municipal groups to answer the ambiguity stated in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Members of the Standing Committee on General Government.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Town of Kapuskasing, Township of Black River-Matheson

SUBJECT: **Use of Wood in Provincially Funded Building Projects**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the use of wood in the construction of commercial and industrial buildings provides economic benefits to strengthen our economy, particularly for Northern Ontario’s abundant forest resources; and

WHEREAS a commitment to the use of wood in construction results in a sustainable legacy supporting the province’s economic engine and the environment, while maintaining employment and helping to maximize total benefits; and

WHEREAS wood construction is durable and architecturally appealing in appearance; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities considers it vital that provincially-driven projects incorporate the use of increased wood products within these structures; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Province of Ontario and all provincial agencies to demonstrate leadership by implementing a policy whereby the preferred choice of building material is wood, which is the best value building material for all types of construction and the only major renewable building material, and to support Wood Works’ build-with-wood policies and implement a wood culture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: FONOM

SUBJECT: **Support for Bill 52 An Act to Amend the Building Code Act, 1992
(Ontario Forestry Industry Revitalization Act)**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has previously gone on record as supporting a change in the Building Code such as that contained in this Bill, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) commits its support for this proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Member of Provincial Parliament for Nipissing.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: FONOM

SUBJECT: **Changed Tenure Reform Direction**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the request for a meeting with Minister of Natural Resources as proposed in the Ontario Forest Industries Association (OFIA) letter to the Minister dated April 5, 2012: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that FONOM’s position is that community and industry stakeholders must be involved in any discussions regarding tenure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources, the OFIA, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: FONOM

SUBJECT: **Bill 61 Ontario's Wood First Act, 2012**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), recognizes that there are lumber, concrete and steel manufacturers in Northeastern Ontario, all of which are important industries, and consequently it does not favour one industry over another in legislated mandatory use of building materials."

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: City of Greater Sudbury

SUBJECT: **Request for National, Rural and Northern Broadband Internet**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** broadband internet represents a vital infrastructure for expanding opportunities in rural and remote education and innovation, particularly in Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS equitable access to broadband internet is crucial for the competitiveness and long-term prosperity of Northern Ontario’s communities; and

WHEREAS rural and remote regions such as Northern Ontario require fair and impartial treatment from the Government of Canada to ensure that equitable access to broadband internet is available; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports a national, rural and northern broadband internet strategy that guarantees equitable broadband internet access to Canadians residing in rural and remote areas in all regions of Canada, including Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all future broadband spectrum auctions in Canada must allow for increased network capacity in Canada’s rural and remote regions such as Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister for Industry, the Minister responsible for FedNor, and Members of Parliament for Northern Ontario.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Town of Kapuskasing
SUBJECT: **Kapuskasing Experimental Research Farm**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“**WHEREAS** the Experimental Farm in Kapuskasing has been a leading facility in agricultural research for close to 100 years; and

WHEREAS the Farm is a proven reliable and cost efficient site for scientific research and innovation; and

WHEREAS the changes in climate patterns will impact on agricultural growth and associated opportunities for northern regions; and

WHEREAS the Kapuskasing Experimental Farm needs to play an increasing role in the development of agricultural opportunities in terms of new agricultural growth and markets; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec have benefitted from the research already conducted and this facility will continue to benefit all rural Canadians in terms of future sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS the Town of Kapuskasing with the agricultural community of the Great Clay Belt of Northeastern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec understands the need and continued operation of the Kapuskasing Research Farm; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) requests the Federal Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to keep the Kapuskasing Experimental Research Farm open for the benefit of northern rural residents and all Canadians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and Members of Parliament for Northern Ontario.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Municipality of West Nipissing
SUBJECT: **Closure of Service Canada Office in Sturgeon Falls**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy December 15, 2011

"WHEREAS the Service Canada office in Sturgeon Falls is to be closed January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS the Service Canada Office offers assistance with various programs such as apprenticeship grants, social insurance applications, partnership initiatives and funding programs, employment insurance, Canada Pension Plan, Retirement Pension Old Age Security, Canada Summer Jobs, and job search assistance; and

WHEREAS the statistics indicate that the Sturgeon Falls Service Canada Office assists roughly 20 clients daily; and

WHEREAS the necessity to travel to North Bay or to wait for mobile units for services will affect seniors, youth and unemployed persons, causing undue hardship to the most vulnerable people of the area; and

WHEREAS the decision to close the Sturgeon Falls Service Canada Office was made without consultation with the Municipality of West Nipissing; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Federal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development to reconsider the closing of the Sturgeon Falls Service Canada office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister for Northern Ontario and the Members of Parliament for Nickel Belt and Nipissing-Timiskaming."

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA)

SUBJECT: **Closure of Northwestern Travel Centres**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy April 13, 2012

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) urges the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport to reverse the decision to close the Fort Frances Visitor Centre, the Rainy River Travel Centre, and the Kenora Travel Centre or suspend these closures until such time as solutions ensuring that visitors to Northwestern Ontario have the information they require to extend and enjoy their time in Ontario; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Municipality of McDougal
SUBJECT: **Ban on Feeding of Black Bears**
STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy September 27, 2011

“WHEREAS black bears are classified as carnivores and as such are a predatory animal; and

WHEREAS the continuous feeding of black bears results in an unsafe and dangerously large collection of these animals on property which can be in close proximity to other people; and

WHEREAS Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff admit it is a problem for both bears and persons if bears are being fed, but are unable to take action due to a lack of legislation; and

WHEREAS the responsibility to regulate and prohibit the feeding of bears is being done by Parks Canada, by other Provincial Provinces and is undertaken by some states in the United States; and

WHEREAS Northeastern Ontario municipalities do not have the human resources and equipment necessary to safely enforce a ban on feeding black bears; and

WHEREAS the MNR already have the human resources and equipment necessary to safely enforce a ban on feeding black bears; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Ministry of Natural Resources to bring forward Provincial Legislation that would ban the feeding of black bears (excluding for legal hunting purposes) in the Province of Ontario and to take responsibility for the enforcement of the legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be sent to the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Sudbury East Municipal Association

SUBJECT: **Amend ATV Law**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) petitions the Government of Ontario to amend the ATV (All Terrain Vehicle) law which would allow UTV’s (Utility Terrain Vehicles also known as “side-by-side” ATV’s) to follow the same regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Parry Sound District Municipal Association

SUBJECT: **Parry Sound District Highway Signage**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) supports the Parry Sound District Municipal Association in the development of a highway sign to be placed on the southern highway corridors of Highway 11 and 69 welcoming travelers to “Parry Sound District ... a proud part of Northern Ontario.”

THE FEDERATION OF NORTHERN ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES
RESOLUTION
MAY 11, 12, 13, 2011

SUBMITTED BY: Parry Sound District Municipal Association

SUBJECT: **Northern Ontario Billboard Signage**

STATUS: Adopted as FONOM Policy July 15, 2011

“WHEREAS the three major highways leading into and going through Northern Ontario either pass through or bypass many Small Business communities whose economy depends directly on the success of these businesses; and

WHEREAS there are many small businesses in these Northern Ontario communities that depend on billboard signage as an important means of promoting their services; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Transportation’s approach to billboard signage on newly reconstructed and realigned sections of major highways is to not allow any such signage within 400 metres; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is hereby opposed to a blanket type policy that could eventually remove all billboard signage on major highways in Northern Ontario which would have a significant detrimental economic impact on the Small Business communities in this unique section of Ontario, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities would welcome the opportunity to have representatives of local government in Northern Ontario meet with Ministry of Transportation representatives to develop a “Northern Ontario Billboard Signage” policy that would support small businesses and the local economy in each of our communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines, and the Leaders of the Opposition Parties.”

